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Alliance to Participate in National Golf Day

St. Augustine, FL – May 10, 2016 - The National Alliance for Accessible Golf (Alliance) announced today its plans for involvement in the golf industry's National Golf Day, on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. President Mike Tinkey and Executive Director Steve Jubb, PGA, will be representing the Alliance and sharing information with the members of Congress and their professional staff.

The ninth annual "National Golf Day" will be held on Wednesday, May 18 on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. WE ARE GOLF will meet with Members of Congress, the Executive Branch and federal agencies to discuss the game's \$70 billion economic and \$4 billion charitable impact and many environmental and fitness benefits.

"The Alliance is intimately familiar with the value of the game of golf, and is excited to be part of this year's National Golf Day. Golf provides great opportunities for individuals with disabilities to integrate into the social fabric of their community while engaging in and building a healthy lifestyle," shared President Mike Tinkey.

The Alliance will be participating in an exhibition in the Rayburn Foyer in the Rayburn House Office Building in collaboration with <u>Salute Military Golf Association</u> and <u>Links to Freedom</u>. Representatives from these programs will be participating in the day.

Other participating organizations will include the Club Managers Association of America, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Ladies Professional Golf Association, National Golf Course Owners Association, PGA of America, PGA TOUR, United States Golf Association, United States Golf Manufacturers Council, World Golf Foundation and others.

To join the conversation, visit the <u>WE ARE GOLF social media</u> hub. Use #NGD16 and @wearegolf on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to show your support for the golf industry and share why golf is more than game for you.

The National Alliance for Accessible Golf is a charitable organization working to ensure the opportunity for all individuals to play the game of golf. The Alliance is represented by major golf organizations in the United States, organizations that provide services for people with disabilities and other advocates. Through $GAIN^{TM}$ (Golf: Accessible and Inclusive Networks) and other programs, the Alliance promotes inclusion and awareness to the golf industry, golf instructors, and the public. Since 2010, the Alliance it has granted more than \$722,000 to inclusive golf programs for people with disabilities. Through on-going support from the United States Golf Association, the Alliance has expanded its efforts to provide financial assistance and resources to help make the game of golf more accessible to people with disabilities. For more information about Alliance programs, please visit www.accessgolf.org.

The Salute Military Golf Association's mission is to provide rehabilitative golf programs, experiences, and family inclusive golf opportunities for post 9/11 wounded war veterans in an effort to improve the quality of life for these American heroes. Eligible veterans and service members include those wounded or injured in post 9/11 military operations, including those with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and/or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). For more information, please visit www.smga.org.

The Links to Freedom Golf Foundation (L2F) was formed to implement Wounded Warrior and Disabled Veteran (WW&DV) rehabilitative golf programs at military and civilian golf facilities nationwide to help aid in their rehab. For more information on this family inclusive program, please visit http://www.linkstofreedom.org/.